

# FISCAL YEAR 2006 APR-Muni APPLICATION

**Municipality:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Landowner(s) Name Applying to APR Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants need to provide adequate evidence of having met, or being in the process of making, a binding commitment to the following criteria. If such evidence has been submitted and accepted in previous applications, it need not be re-submitted.

QUALIFICATION THRESHOLDS (SECTION II ON GUIDANCE DOCUMENT)		YES	NO
1a	Agricultural Land Base of 400 Acres in Active Agricultural Use within Municipality	r Yes	r No
1b	1200 acres enrolled in Chapter 61 and 61A Combined	r Yes	r No
2a	If Project is < 20 acres, 75% of land in Agricultural Use is Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Soils of Statewide Importance	r Yes	r No
2b	If Project is ≥ 20 acres 50% of land in Agricultural Use is Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Soils of Statewide Importance	r Yes	r No
3a	Project includes a 20% financial match (required of first project in community each year)	r Yes	r No
3b	Demonstrates a history of financial support, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Agriculture	r Yes	r No
3c	Reflects a 5% reduction from the 20% match for each action criteria items 6,7, and 8 below	r Yes	r No
ALTERNATIVE QUALIFICATION THRESHOLDS (SECTION III ON GUIDANCE DOCUMENT)		YES	NO
4	Adds to an existing APR block of at least 200 acres	r Yes	r No
5	Is part of a defined farmland block, of which 75% of the block is permanently protected	r Yes	r No
TOWN ACTION CRITERIA (30 POINTS) (SECTION IV ON GUIDANCE DOCUMENT)		Existing	Commit
6	Established an agricultural commission or like entity	r 4	r 2
7	Enacted a town right-to-farm bylaw	r 4	r 2
8	Implemented a tracking system to prevent issuance of local permits for unauthorized construction on protected farmland	r 4	r 2
9	Promoted local and regional direct marketing opportunities, including but not limited to creating farmers' markets	r 3	r 1.5
10	Identified/inventoried farmland to be protected	r 2	r 1
11	Established a town farmland protection fund	r 3	r 1.5
12	Developed Community agricultural events and/or promotions	r 3	r 1.5
13	Demonstrated support for farmland preservation by either exercising or assigning municipal right-of-first-refusal under Chapter 61A to non-profit land preservation organization	r 3	r 1.5
14	Created an agricultural overlay district and developed site plan review on single-family house lots within such districts	r 3	r 1.5
15	Created buffer requirements on any non-farm development adjacent to agricultural lands	r 3	r 1.5
16	Implemented any program that redirects development to marginal, non-agricultural areas	r 3	r 1.5
17	Assisted in agricultural economic development, such as TIF (tax incentive) for a business that supports local agriculture, or assisted in locating and developing a value-added processing facility	r 3	r 1.5
18	Worked with regional efforts to include agriculture in regional land use planning	r 2	r 1
TOTAL EXISTING AND COMMITMENT POINTS (MAXIMUM 40)			

**CERTIFICATION:** On behalf of the municipal applicant, I/we, the chief elected executive officer(s) of the city/town do hereby certify that the information contained herein is accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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For Information, contact APR Program staff at (617) 626-1718

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